

### In the Claims

By this amendment, claims 2, 5, 11, 14, 49, 52, and 57 are currently amended.

The claims are as follows:

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, further comprising at least one attachment structure selected from the group consisting of a hook at each end of a strap, an eye bolt at each end of a strap, and ~~combinations thereof~~ a hook and an eye bolt at each end of a strap, wherein one end of the strap is connected to the floatation apparatus and the other end of the strap is connected to an object, in order to secure the floatation apparatus to the object.
3. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 2, wherein the object is a railing of a swimming pool.
4. (canceled)
5. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, further comprising at least one resilient member, wherein one end of the resilient member is connected to a ~~shade~~ shading structure and the other end of the resilient member is attached to the floatation apparatus ~~on apparatus~~ and the other end of the strap is connected to an object, in order to secure the floatation apparatus to the object.

6. (original) The floatation apparatus of claim 5, wherein the shading structure is selected from the group consisting of an umbrella and a canopy.
7. (original) The floatation apparatus of claim 2, wherein the object is selected from the group consisting of a dock and a boat.
8. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure is selected from the group consisting of an inflatable buoyancy structure, a hollow tubular buoyancy structure, and a polystyrene buoyancy structure.
9. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of PVC, and polystyrene.
10. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure is an inflatable floatation structure.
11. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyvinylchloride (PVC), and polystyrene.
12. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the platform structure comprises a material selected from the consisting of PVC, plastic, wood, and fiberglass.

13. (Canceled)

14. (currently amended) A floatation apparatus, comprising:

a pet;

a recessed platform structure having a first surface, wherein the first surface of the recessed platform is recessed with respect to a top surface of a permanent buoyancy structure and wherein the permanent buoyancy structure is physically attached to the recessed platform along a perimeter of the recessed platform;

~~a permanent buoyancy structure physically attached to a first side of the platform structure and~~

at least one removable buoyancy structure, wherein each removable buoyancy structure is removably attached to an opposite side of the recessed surface of the recessed platform, wherein the floatation apparatus is portable, wherein the floatation apparatus is adapted to float on water, and wherein the platform structure is adapted to support a the pet over the water, and wherein the platform structure comprises at least one bowl structure adapted to hold a supply of drinking water or food for the pet.

15. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a ramp structure, wherein the ramp structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the ramp structure is adapted to support the pet over the water.

16. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a

barrier structure around a perimeter of the platform structure, wherein the barrier structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the barrier structure is adapted to restrain the pet from exiting the floatation apparatus.

17. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the platform structure comprises perforations adapted to drain a liquid from the platform structure.

18. (previously presented) A floatation apparatus, comprising;

- a platform structure, wherein the platform structure comprises perforations adapted to drain a liquid from the platform structure;

- a permanent buoyancy structure physically attached to a first side of the platform structure; and

- at least one removable buoyancy structure removably attached to the floatation apparatus, wherein the floatation apparatus is portable, wherein the floatation apparatus is adapted to float on water, wherein the platform structure is adapted to support a pet over the water; and a membrane structure removably attached to a bottom side of the floatation apparatus, wherein the membrane structure is adapted to capture the liquid draining through the perforations.

19-40. (Canceled)

41. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, further comprising at least one attachment structure adapted to secure the floatation apparatus to an object.

42. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 41, wherein the object is a swimming pool.

43. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 42, wherein the swimming pool comprises a shading structure removably attached to the swimming pool, wherein the floatation apparatus is further adapted to be secured to the shading structure, and wherein the shading structure is adapted to provide shade for the floatation apparatus.

44. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 43, wherein the shading structure is selected from the group consisting of an umbrella and a canopy.

45. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 41, wherein the object is selected from the group consisting of a dock and a boat.

46. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure is selected from the group consisting of an inflatable buoyancy structure, a hollow tubular buoyancy structure, and a polystyrene buoyancy structure.

47. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of PVC, and polystyrene.

48. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure is an inflatable floatation structure.
49. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyvinylchloride (PVC), and polystyrene.
50. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the platform structure comprises a material selected from the consisting of PVC, plastic, wood, and fiberglass.
51. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the floatation apparatus is adapted to float on water, and wherein the platform structure is adapted to support a pet over the water.
52. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, further comprising a ramp structure, wherein the ramp structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the ramp structure is adapted to support a the pet over the water.
- 53 (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, further comprising a barrier structure around a perimeter of the platform structure, wherein the barrier structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the barrier structure is adapted to restrain a the pet from exiting the floatation apparatus.
54. (canceled).

55. (canceled)

56. (canceled)

57. (currently amended) A floatation apparatus, comprising:

a recessed platform having a first surface; wherein the first surface of the recessed platform is recessed with respect to a top surface of a first permanent buoyancy structure and wherein the first permanent buoyancy structure is physically attached to the platform along a perimeter of the recessed platform; and

a plurality of concentric at least one removable buoyancy structures, wherein each concentric removable buoyancy structure is removably attached to an opposite side of the recessed surface of the recessed platform, wherein a perimeter of a first concentric at least one removable buoyancy structure has a smaller perimeter as its radius, as measured from a center of the each concentric at least one removably attached buoyancy structure to the center of the platform, decreases than the perimeter of the first permanent buoyancy structure, wherein the first concentric removable buoyancy structure is adjacent to the permanent buoyancy structure and succeeding adjacent concentric removable buoyancy structures have a smaller perimeter than a preceding adjacent concentric removable buoyancy structure and each concentric at least one removably attached buoyancy structure has a smaller perimeter than the first buoyancy structure.